

COUNTY DEMOCRACY

It Is Advancing to Victory with Labor as Its Firm Ally.

LABOR AND UNION ITS CRY.

Municipal Ownership and Workingmen the New Battle Cry of the Democracy.

The County Democracy, allied with the labor organizations, will play a great part in local politics from now on.

Under the able leadership of Robert E. Burke the County Democracy has always been a strong factor in local politics, but affiliated with the strong labor organizations it will be a still stronger factor.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held last Sunday.

"If the Democratic party does not secure the affiliation of the labor organizations they will join the Socialist party and Democracy will pass out of existence," declared W. B. Fleming at the meeting. "We cannot be true Democrats unless we stand for the principles of labor unionism."

A joint committee from the County Democracy and the Workingmen's Municipal Ownership Union will meet this week to outline the campaign for capturing the Democratic primaries and county convention. No fight will be made in the First Ward.

A resolution was adopted pledging the club to support and circulate the Nineteenth Ward for Simon O'Donnell for Alderman. Robert E. Burke announced that the Twenty-first Ward Democrats will organize at 601 North Wells street this week.

The people of the Eighth Ward are proud of their Alderman, John H. Jones is not only a credit to the Eighth, but he is a credit to the whole city. He deserves and will receive a re-election. He is a business man of the highest standing and reputation, and is the president of the Illinois Improvement and Railroad Company, and is the vice president of the South Chicago Savings Bank.

The labor unions are all for Frank Foster, the popular South Chicago Justice, for Municipal Judge.

Chairman Boeschstein of the Democratic State Committee, is giving wide circulation to a statement he has prepared in which he denies the charge of M. F. Dunlap and other Democratic radicals that the "gag-rule" convention at Springfield two years ago was chiefly responsible for Democratic defeat. Mr. Boeschstein's argument is in the main an attack on the "Majority Rule League," of which Mr. Dunlap is president, and which is fighting the Democratic State Committee. Chairman Boeschstein adduces figures to show that Illinois cast the highest percentage of Democratic votes of any of the sixteen States which he names. The Republican and Democratic percentages in these States are given as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.
Illinois	58.77	30.43
Michigan	69.53	25.78
Minnesota	75.07	19.37
Wisconsin	63.25	28.02
Kansas	64.07	26.13
Nebraska	61.07	23.08
North Dakota	74.03	20.34
South Dakota	71.09	21.06
Idaho	65.84	25.46
Oregon	67.06	19.43
Washington	68.05	19.36
Wyoming	66.77	20.05
California	61.84	26.94
Pennsylvania	67.90	27.12
Vermont	77.97	18.84
Maine	67.05	28.77

Chairman Boeschstein urges party harmony and deplores the organization of side shows such as the "Anti-Parker Democratic National League" of 1904.

No better man could be nominated for Municipal Judge than Frank Foster.

Captain Wm. P. Black is the man to elect Alderman in the Fourteenth Ward.

John Schermann is a liberal and conscientious man. He should be elected Alderman of the Sixteenth Ward.

Gallant Matt Banner is making a great race in the Twentieth Ward. He will make a splendid Alderman.

With his brilliant record as an attorney and his weak opponent in canned goods Eagle, Charles M. Foell will be

elected Alderman of the Twenty-first Ward by a big majority.

More litigation may result in the controversy over the special bar permits. The Corporation Counsel expects some injunction suits against the city to restrain the police from interfering in places where liquor is sold in a building which already has a license from the city.

There were many inquiries at the Corporation Counsel's office in reference to the sale of liquors in hotels, a point brought out by Alderman Cullerton Monday night. Assistant Corporation Counsel Hoyne informed all inquirers that an ordinance was passed several months ago by the Council giving the right to hotels where there is a license bar to its guests in any part of the building, but that this applies only to hotels.

Plans for the mass meeting of German, Polish, Swiss, Bohemian and Scandinavian societies in the First Regiment Armory next Sunday afternoon were completed at a meeting of the Central Committee representing more than 500 societies. Societies having memberships of more than 10,000 have pledged themselves to march to the Armory and join the demonstration for the granting of special liquor licenses for their balls and picnics.

Frederick De Laug is the man to nominate for Congress in the Tenth District.

Phillip Stein is in the lead for the nomination for Circuit Judge.

John H. Jones has made one of the best Aldermen Chicago ever had. The citizens of the Eighth Ward should see that he is re-elected.

Congressman Foss should be retired.

Captain Black has always been a friend of the laboring men, and they will do all in their power to see that he is elected Alderman of the Fourteenth Ward.

Frank Foster's spotless record on the justice bench will win for him a nomination for Municipal Judge.

Charles S. Deneen is the best Governor Illinois ever had.

Cheap vaudeville "stunts" don't win votes. Tied and Eagle will find this out after April 3.

Charles M. Foell is the man to elect in the Twenty-first Ward.

Governor Deneen conferred with Republican party leaders Thursday relative to plans for harmonious action in selecting nominees for the county and municipal courtship tickets. The Governor came to Chicago Wednesday night, and resumed discussion of certain proposals made at the Union League Club conference held last week.

Jacobs is having a walk away for Alderman in the Twenty-third Ward.

Roger C. Sullivan is the real leader of the Democratic party in Illinois.

Charles H. Callahan will make a fine Municipal Judge.

The Republicans of the Twenty-seventh Ward made a big mistake when they nominated Ott for Alderman. His ideas and views are without a principle.

Andrew Mathisen will be elected Alderman of the Seventeenth Ward, despite all City Hall opposition.

W. W. Wheelock will not be nominated for Judge.

Col. John F. Flinerty will make an ideal public official.

Alderman Werno is making a good record in the City Council.

Capt. Black, who stands for all that is decent in politics, should win in the Fourteenth Ward. His name is the synonym of all that is honest. He stands for the best interests of the people irrespective of party.

John H. Jones has served three terms in the City Council from the Eighth Ward. He has always voted in the interests of the people. He should be re-elected by a large majority.

John K. Prindville will make a great Municipal Judge.

Matthias J. Jacobs is the next Alderman from the Twenty-first Ward.

Beat Eagle in the Twenty-first Ward.

THE LITTLE BANKS.

They Are a Menace to the People of This Great City.

OUTLYING BANKS A DANGER.

Down Town Banks Receive Deposits from One Dollar Up to Thousands.

Not wishing to compete with the big banks, irresponsible people are starting up small banks in the outlying districts of Chicago, from time to time. This practice has had disastrous results upon the business and financial interests of the entire city. Many hundred small business men and traders have been ruined by this class of institutions. The Pan American is a shining example.

This nefarious practice should be stopped and the only way to stop it is by municipal legislation.

A provision ought to be made in the city charter authorizing the city under its police power to regulate the establishment of banks and creating in pursuance of this work a board for the examination of all proposed new banking concerns. Such a board should be given ample power to examine into the financial standing of the promoters of these institutions, and none should be allowed to be licensed unless such as could show assets ample for the carrying on of their business, sufficient to cover the amount of their deposits, and sound and substantial enough to thoroughly protect their depositors.

There can be no question as to the right and the justice of the city to exercise such power under a properly constructed charter provision. If the city has the right to regulate plumbers, to regulate engineers, to regulate the electrical business, to regulate pawnbrokers and the scores of other business enterprises and industries over which it exercises unquestioned supervising powers, it certainly has a perfect right to regulate the banking business, which is of far more importance than anything in the line of business in the city, because upon the legitimate and honest business methods of these institutions depends the welfare of the entire city in its business and commercial life, while methods of a contrary kind indulged in by small, irresponsible speculative concerns only results in failures that involve injuriously the interests of the entire community. How often have we seen it that the failure of one of these little banks, started upon luscious and irresponsible foundations, and boosted by fraudulent and false representations, have dragged down to ruin hundreds of good, hard-working, thrifty and deserving citizens. The licenses issued by the examining board, which, of course, should be composed of responsible citizens and able financiers, should be of a character that would be absolutely prohibitive of all schemes and projects for the establishment of phony concerns of this kind.

This would be welcomed by all sound and responsible banking houses, whether private or national.

Seventy-five country town Democrats gathered at a banquet at the Morrison Hotel on Tuesday night and discussed Democratic chances in the fall election. Ross C. Hall acted as toastmaster and speeches were made by National Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan, Representative John Farley, Walter Lantz, Frank H. McCulloch of Evanston, Peter Kipley and others. Walter Lantz probably will be nominated for the Legislature from the Seventh District to succeed Farley. Country town Democrats will seek to gain increased representation on the County Central Committee.

The Teachers' Federation is howling again.

Hans Blase will not have much trouble in beating Ott for Alderman in the Twenty-seventh Ward.

Harry R. Gibbons has a walk-away for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff.

Ward after ward has endorsed his candidacy and his popularity increases as the campaign grows along. He is a very popular man and we know of no one who can beat him at the polls.

Charges that 20 per cent of the public school principals of Chicago make a practice of violating the rule which provides that no principal or teacher shall engage in any outside work for profit were made Tuesday by members of the Board of Education. As a result an investigation will be made, and if the inquiry results in the substantiation of the charges the principals found guilty will be called before the School Management Committee to explain their action.

Frauds against the civil service law have been charged in the water pipe extension division.

The Civil Service Commission has been told that in the Fifth Ward at least five men are holding jobs for which they never were certified, and which are officially supposed to be held by men who are now dead. This scheme of filling dead men's shoes without notifying the civil service department that their former occupants have died is said to be a trick of politicians to get henchmen at work despite the merit laws.

Only 12,808 new names were added to the registry of Chicago as a result of the new registration a week ago. The revised total registration, which includes all electors eligible to vote April 3 and at the fall primaries, is 375,280. Of a total new registration of 40,190 recorded Tuesday 30,382 names were erased. This was due to removals since last fall.

The revised registration by wards, with erasures, is as follows:

Ward	Registration	Names erased
1	11,093	1,454
2	11,409	1,481
3	10,143	1,190
4	8,055	800
5	8,960	771
6	15,725	1,287
7	16,080	1,061
8	9,187	813
9	7,158	573
10	7,113	500
11	9,145	917
12	11,830	1,154
13	12,400	1,107
14	10,023	1,021
15	10,191	904
16	8,722	961
17	9,848	1,137
18	8,890	1,373
19	9,563	963
20	11,870	1,450
21	11,240	1,018
22	8,770	1,066
23	9,214	709
24	8,828	810
25	15,917	1,407
26	11,340	628
27	15,020	978
28	11,291	1,135
29	9,961	739
30	10,808	1,184
31	12,060	1,111
32	11,045	988
33	10,752	708
34	8,562	613
35	8,050	628
Chicago	1,371	80
Totals	375,280	30,382

Justice John Fitzgerald, a dignified, able lawyer and thorough gentleman, will be nominated and elected to the Municipal bench.

Alderman R. H. McCormick insisted Tuesday on the speedy passage of the ordinance to compel the railroads to raise to a sixteen-foot head their bridges over the branches of the Chicago River, but the railroad attorneys wanted the matter put over and the aldermen agreed to let the matter rest until the next Council meeting.

J. B. Barton of the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad Company declared that his company cannot elevate its bridge over the south branch between Taylor and 12th streets on account of the 12th street viaduct.

Alderman McCormick, in explaining his ordinance, said that all the Sanitary District and city bridges are of the required height, and that it is not just that the railroads should ignore the necessity. He said that some of the railroad bridges are only from one to four feet high, and that the small boats are kept waiting for a long time to pass them.

Union Labor is against H. R. Eagle for Alderman in the 21st ward. It is reported that at the time of the teamsters' strike a committee waited on Eagle and asked him to unionize his store, clerks and drivers. He is said to have ordered the committee out.

There will be no leniency upon the part of the city water department toward those who are delinquent in paying their water taxes and who have obstructed the shutoff boxes with the object of preventing a discontinuance of their supply. Superintendent Nourse issued an order the other day that as soon as the frost is out of the ground access must be obtained to the shutoff boxes, even if it becomes necessary to break the cement sidewalks to do so.

The safest department store in the city to-day is The Fair. It has broad aisles and every convenience for the public.

The Appendicitis Trust must go!

ROTTEN DEAD MEAT

Rapacious Beef Trust Continues to Poison the People with the Carrion Product.

COLD STORAGE A MENACE.

Frigidly Embalmed Meats Not Only Almost Valueless as Food but Are Actually Deleterious.

Theoretically an organic substance intended for food may be kept whole some indefinitely if subjected to a sufficiently low temperature. This is the position taken by the cold storage interests.

Practically an organic substance intended for food frequently becomes tainted and dangerous to health and life even when surrounded by the chilling atmosphere of a cold storage plant. This is the reason why the Council Judiciary Committee and the City Health Department cannot agree with the cold storage interests, says the Evening Post.

The committee and the health officials are giving the health of the people the benefit of the doubt. Even if all that the cold storage interests say in opposition to the measure just recommended by the Judiciary Committee be true, regulation of the cold storage plants by the Health Department cannot work any hardship to those financially interested in them.

The ordinance simply proposes to license these plants after they have been found in a sanitary condition; to inspect the food stored therein; to have each article tagged and dated so that its age may be known; and to have the contents of the plants inspected when they have been in storage six months.

There is nothing unreasonable in these proposed regulations. The cold storage experts tell us that unfit food never is accepted by them, and that food cannot deteriorate in cold storage, though kept there for years. Why, then, any opposition to inspection.

The health of the citizens is paramount. Better err on the side of protecting the public health than on the side of private interests that can be affected by the proposed ordinance only where they are placing the public health in jeopardy.

The Council ought to pass this measure promptly and unanimously.

Health Commissioner Whalen funds the greatest foe of the public health the Beef Trust.

For seven months Dr. Whalen has been trying to get an ordinance through the city council forbidding the sale of any slaughtered poultry, fish, game, or any animal used for food purposes, refrigerated or otherwise, "which has not been properly drawn and prepared by removing the entrails at the time of slaughter." Storage men estimated that 5,000,000 pounds of meats in Chicago warehouses would come under the ban of this law.

Dr. Whalen's ordinance contains the following provisions:

No fowls or other animals to be put in storage without the entrails being removed.

Warehouses to be in sanitary condition; regular inspections to guarantee this.

An annual license fee of \$500, permits to be issued to warehouses only after they have complied with the sanitary provisions.

Every article to be tagged permanently to show the date it is put in storage.

Retail grocers to exhibit storage meats in original packages from the warehouses, to show the age of the food, and its history.

"Our inspectors have found meats two and three years old in the warehouses," Dr. Whalen said.

So important has this subject become that the Secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. James A. Egan, has addressed the following communication to the mayor of every city in Illinois:

"The Illinois State Board of Health, acting in the interest of the lives and health of the people, urgently recommends to the mayors and city councils of all cities and the presidents and boards of trustees of all villages and to the health officials in all parts of the State, the enactment and enforcement of ordinances prohibiting the sale of poultry, fish, game, or any animal used for food that has not been properly cleaned and drawn at the time of the slaughtering.

"The necessity for such ordinances and their enforcement is plainly indicated by the rapidly growing custom of storing poultry, fish, and game containing the entrails and other viscera and offering them for sale long periods of time after being killed, and the

danger to public health caused by this custom.

"It is known to all physicians and physiologists that there are generated in the body of any animal poisons of the highest degree of toxicity. The intestines and other digestive organs contain at all times materials which have undergone putrefactive changes. If this material be permitted to remain in the body after death the poisons generated may infiltrate the entire flesh, making it dangerous to the person who eats it. The body, in which the viscera are permitted to remain, undergoes decomposition much more rapidly than when such viscera have been removed. Decomposition is further hastened by leaving the blood in the animal.

"It has become the custom of wholesale poultrymen and packers to purchase poultry during the early summer, when the prices are lowest, and to keep it in cold storage until winter or until the prices are highest. Such fowls are killed without bleeding, often plucked before death, and placed in cold storage without removing the entrails and other viscera. Frequently they are not offered for sale until several months after killing.

"The process of decomposition and putrefaction begins at once. Cold storage and freezing may limit the rotting process, but do not stop it. When poultry or animals are taken from cold storage and thawed out for exhibition and sale the decomposition continues with renewed energy, impregnating the flesh with poisons. Flesh in which the blood has been permitted to remain is particularly susceptible to such decomposition, and this susceptibility is increased by the long period of freezing and thawing.

"Even with poultry that is 'freshly killed' there is frequently a period of several days between the time of slaughtering and sale. Not only is it dangerous, but it is repugnant to our sense of decency that the flesh we are to eat shall lie for several days in close contact with putrifying animal matter.

"Undoubtedly undrawn poultry, flesh, and game has caused many cases of poisoning which have wrongfully been attributed to other causes. The poisoning resulting often resembled that caused by other poisons administered by persons or taken with suicidal intent."

Do not vote for any man for the legislature who is not known to be an enemy of the Beef Trust.

The Beef Trust owned Legislature of Illinois passed a law limiting the liability of any corporation taking a human life to \$5,000. And the people sit supine and permit this sort of thing!

It will be several days before the officials of the Northwestern Elevated and the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroads will know whether they will proceed with the trolleying of the tracks of the latter between Wilson avenue and Evanston.

E. C. Noy, general superintendent of the Northwestern Elevated, declared on Tuesday that the lawyers and other officials would have to go over the ordinance carefully to see what amendments were made to it by the Council before they could determine whether they would carry out their plans. He also intimated that it would be unwise to say anything about the ordinance until Mayor Dunne has had his chance at it.

There was an informal meeting of the lawyers of the two companies to consider what should be done, at which it was strongly intimated that the routing clause was not to their liking. But it seems more than probable that the ordinance will be accepted by the companies, if it is not vetoed by the Mayor.

John Fitzgerald, the able and well known Justice of the Peace, is sure to be nominated for Municipal Judge.

Vote for Andrew Mathisen for Alderman of the Seventeenth Ward. He is the right man for the office.

Arthur B. McCold is the man to vote for in the Sixth Ward. He will make an Alderman that his constituents will be proud of.

Lewis Hamburg should be elected in the Third Ward. He is the kind of a man that will properly represent the ward in the Council.

Captain Black, honest and fearless, is the man to vote for in the Fourteenth Ward.

Justice Sabath's splendid record on the Justice bench entitles him to a nomination for Municipal Judge.

Herman J. Bauer is the man to nominate for County Commissioner.

Henry Roth has made a splendid record as Justice of the Peace. He should be nominated for Municipal Judge.

DEATH IN OUR FOOD

Beef Trust's Murder of Its Helpless Victims Goes on with Brazen Impunity.

PEOPLE FED AS BUZZARDS.

Tainted Carcasses Sold to Consumers While Trust-Fattened Aldermen Wink the Other Eye.

The Beef Trust is still marching on, leaving in its trail tuberculosis, cancer, appendicitis and countless other diseases.

It must be stopped! The city is fighting the ravages of the Beef Trust again with four meat inspectors!

This number is very insignificant and wholly insufficient to inspect 70,000 cattle and 100,000 hogs a day.

But, as the Beef Trust aldermen won't appropriate money for any more, the Health Department does the best it can and that isn't very much. Health Department report February 10, 1906:

"The inspectors at the Union stockyards condemned and destroyed 200 cattle, 121 hogs, 10 sheep, 7 calves—a total of 120,485 pounds. Of this amount the following was condemned by the city meat inspectors after having passed government inspection or where the government had no jurisdiction: 58 cattle, 36,205 pounds; 43 hogs, 2,235 pounds; and 3,125 pounds of cut meats."

From the Health Department report for the week ending February 3, 1906: "The four meat inspectors at the Union stockyards condemned and destroyed 90 carcasses of beef, 1,227 hogs, 6 calves, 15 sheep, 6,295 pounds of dressed meat—a total of 742,154 pounds. Of this amount 201 carcasses of beef, 13 hogs and 6,295 pounds of dressed meat were condemned after having been passed by the government inspectors, or where the government inspectors had no jurisdiction."

The murder of the people still goes on.

Any candidate for the Legislature who is not an enemy of the Beef Trust should be beaten. Any candidate running for Congress who is not an enemy of the Beef Trust should be beaten.

The next Legislature should not be controlled by the Beef Trust.

If the people want laws protecting them from eating poison, they must be careful whom they select for the Legislature.

The Newspaper Trust of Chicago will keep still, but The Eagle will inform the people of the candidates running. The Beef Trust must be stopped!

The United States is the only country in the world where you hear of train wrecks, awful loss of life therefrom, and where the responsibility falls on a poor under-paid, over-worked train dispatcher.

Take, for instance, the horrible wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, where fifty people lost their lives, a young man working for starvation wages, toiling for three days and a night, falls asleep. The awful catastrophe occurs. He is arrested and put in jail, while his superiors, who draw big salaries, sit in their easy chairs and tell how negligent the dispatcher was. Isn't there a law for these big fellows who are directly responsible for these wrecks, with their awful loss of life? Why is it that the men holding the most responsible positions are the poorest paid?

Deaths from tuberculosis in Chicago increased 100 per cent in February, 1906, over February, 1905, and yet the Chicago Health Department, which furnishes these figures, has stopped the condemnation of tuberculosis cattle at the Stock Yards, after calling the attention of the public to the fact that it had condemned four million pounds of tuberculosis beef out there in a few weeks. Why?

The Newspaper Trust and the Beef Trust. One and inseparable.

Of what use is the Illinois Pure Food Law, when millions of chickens, turkeys and geese are kept in cold storage within the State for years, with their entrails undrawn? These Beef Trust delicacies are said to be responsible for much sickness and terrible disease.

How many Congressmen have we who are not controlled by the Beef Trust?